(c) whether it is also a fact that major ports can impose the charges only after the sanction of Central Govrnment is received and published in the official gazette of Government;

(d) whether it is necessary for a major port to specify the areas where they can render the services and levy the charges for the same;

(e) whether Central Government's prior permission is necessary for notifying the areas; and that such area can be notified only after the permission of Government and its publication in the gazette; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the area mentioned in part (d) above has to be within the scope of Section 48 of Major Port Trust Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Demurrage charges and charges for various services rendered by major ports under Sections 48 to 51 of the Major Port Trust Act, 1963 are notified by the Major Port Trusts in the Official Gazette. The basis and norms are specified in the relevant notifications.

(b) and (c) Prior approval of Central Government is necessary for demurrage and other charges leviable under sections 48 to 51 of Major Port Trusts Act, 1963. These charges come into force after they are published in the Official Gazette.

(d) A major port trust renders a variety of services and whether the areas where they can render services should be specified or not needs examination on a case to case basis.

(e) It is not obligatory to obtain Central Government's permission for notifying the areas.

(f) No, Sir.

Fare Table of Buses

1541. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state what is the fare table, stage-wise; number of buses plying; their frequency and the time of the first and last trip of the all new routes which are inroduced between August, 1987 to till now alongwith the route numbers 249, 333, 374, 616, 702, 888, 916, 999 and Laghu Mudrika plying under Delhi Transport Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): A statement is annexed [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 50].

Introduction of New Bus Routes

1542. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is introducing new bus-routes rapidly now-a-days under D.T.C. for the benefits to the commuters; and

(b) if so, whether Government explore the possibiilty in introducing one more new bus-route between Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Terminal and Nand Nagri for the benefit for the commuters of the locality of Nand Nagri, Dilshad Garden, Shahdara; Krishna Nagar, Shakarpur, Chirag Delhi, Madangir, Pushp Vihar and Khanpur; if so, what are the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) On the basis of transport demands and the surveys conducted and availability of vehicles, new routes are introduced by D.T.C. from time to time.

(b) Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Terminal is already connected with Central Secretariat by the services of Route